

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTER
HOBART ERICKSON

HON. JEFF DUNCAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Mr. Hobart "Hobie" Erickson of Donalds, South Carolina, who has served as a first responder firefighter for over sixty-five years.

Mr. Erickson began his career as a firefighter in 1965 in New Jersey where he served for thirty years, rising to the position of Chief. In 1995, Mr. Erickson and his wife retired to Donalds, South Carolina. After being encouraged by his wife, Lois, Mr. Erickson left retirement to serve the Donalds Fire Department where he has since spent 35½ years in continued service.

In January of 2022, Mr. Erickson turned 95 years old. According to the South Carolina Firefighters Association, Mr. Erickson is the oldest of 17,000 actively serving firefighters in the state. Although he is no longer able to fight fires, Mr. Erickson is a vital member of the department where he tends to the fire trucks and answers calls for medical assistance. He attributes his health and energy to the protection of Jesus Christ and his loving wife. The younger firefighters in Donalds look up to Mr. Erickson, and he even exercises with them several hours a week. Younger firefighters gather around Mr. Erickson to hear his stories and his advice on how to treat others and how to be a successful leader.

Mr. Erickson's selfless leadership has made not only the Third District of South Carolina proud, but the entire state of South Carolina. His tireless commitment to keep his community safe and healthy for over a half of a century is something we should all aspire to have. Throughout his career, he has exemplified what it means to be a true servant leader. I am confident in the future of first responders in my district because of the example Mr. Erickson has set.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to be able to serve the Third District of South Carolina and to honor those who have dedicated their life to service, like Mr. Erickson. I wish Mr. Erickson and his family many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING JOE HOSHAW, JR.
EDITOR OF THE TRENTON TRIB

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joe Hoshaw, Jr. on the occasion of his retirement from the Trenton Trib, where he has served as Editor and Co-Founder for over twelve years. His significant contributions and service to our community are worthy of commendation.

Mr. Hoshaw received his Bachelor of Arts in journalism from Wayne State University and specializes in publication writing and editing. He founded the Trenton Trib in 2009 in response to community concerns about the lack

of a hometown newspaper. Prior to his work at the Trenton Trib, he worked at The News-Herald Newspapers as assistant managing editor and founded HPR Media & Promotional Services LLC, where he still works today.

Mr. Hoshaw has continued to provide positive, interesting and uplifting articles on behalf of his community, demonstrating the importance of neighborhood news. Under his leadership, the Trenton Trib has become a multifaceted news organization and has delivered impactful information to the citizens of Trenton. From the latest in high school sports to breaking development news to highlighting local businesses, the Trib could always be counted on to write about the things that our neighbors cared about. Along with co-publisher Kathy Kane, they brought news to the people of Downriver. The Trenton Trib ceased publication at the end of 2021, but their impact on the community will last for years to come.

Mr. Hoshaw is a past president and 11-year member of the Rotary Club of Trenton, Michigan. He is also a member of the board of directors for the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber and the Trenton Business Association. Mr. Hoshaw is known for his attention to detail and tireless enthusiasm for his community. He continues to reside in southeastern Michigan with his wife Mary, a retired teacher who taught at Lincoln Park Public Schools for nearly thirty years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Joe Hoshaw, Jr. We are grateful for his years spent at the Trenton Trib, for his over four decades of dedication to the journalism in southeastern Michigan. I join with Joe's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to him in retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS
AND DEDICATION OF MS. LYNNE
TELFORD

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the achievements and dedication of Ms. Lynne Telford, the CEO of Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado. Ms. Telford is retiring after 11 years of faithful service to those in need in the Pikes Peak Region.

Since taking the reins at Care and Share Food Bank, Lynne has demonstrated steadfast leadership, not only within the Care and Share organization but across the non-profit industry in Colorado Springs.

Shortly after her start with Care and Share, Lynne identified the need for resiliency in operations. She helped to build a disaster response system during the Waldo Canyon Fire (2012), the Black Forest Fire (2013), and more recently, the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thinking outside the box, Lynne helped develop a successful Direct Services branch, including Sunny Side Markets and Mobile Markets. Her goal was to reach those unable to be served by traditional food bank methods.

Additionally, Lynne established an endowment fund under the Care and Share Foundation to spin-off operating funds each year.

Care and Share Food Bank is currently opening up a third distribution center in the

San Luis Valley of Southern Colorado. This unprecedented addition will increase trucking and shipping efficiencies, getting food to those in need faster.

During her time as CEO, Care and Share more than doubled the amount of food distributed, totaling 25 million lbs. in 2021. Incredibly, revenue generation under Lynne's leadership has grown exponentially. In 2021, more than 17,000 people made a gift in support of Care and Share.

But her leadership and service to her community doesn't end there. Lynne has served on the Board of Directors for Leadership Pikes Peak (2003-2006), the Pikes Peak Library District (2004-2016), the Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC Board (2014-2019). In addition, she currently serves on the Colorado Food Advisory Council, the Colorado Springs City for Champions Committee, and was appointed to the Colorado State Board of Human Services in 2019 by Governor Polis.

Lynne's value to our community is undeniable. So much so that in 2020, Lynne was the recipient of the coveted United Way S. Jerrard "Jerry" Smith Community Service Award, an award presented annually to an individual whose involvement in public policy and civic issues led to the growth and betterment of the Pikes Peak region.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in honoring Lynne Telford and her legacy of kindness, creative thinking, and hard work that will transcend generations to come. Lynne's service to her community has provided many homes in Colorado's 5th Congressional District with a warm, dignified meal. I congratulate and thank Lynne for her many accomplishments and wish her the very best in her next adventure.

HONORING WALLACE JAY NELSON,
JR.

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life of my longtime dear friend Wallace Jay "Wally" Nelson, Jr. of Blacksburg, Virginia, who passed away on January 28, 2022.

Wally was a native Virginian and a graduate of Emory & Henry College, where he and I were roommates. While there he studied economics and went on to receive his master's degree in business from the University of Virginia.

Wally started his professional career at Burlington Industries. He worked hard and gave his all, earning the spot as the youngest-ever plant supervisor. His time there helped pave the way for the rest of his career in the commercial insurance industry, where he worked for more than three decades. He most recently served as the Vice President of SIA Group.

His life was evidence of his commitment to the improvement of the communities in southwest Virginia. He cared deeply for all people and was greatly involved in public service. Over the years, he was an active Republican that aided in fundraising efforts for numerous political candidates. He also served with the Blacksburg Partnership, Junior Achievement,